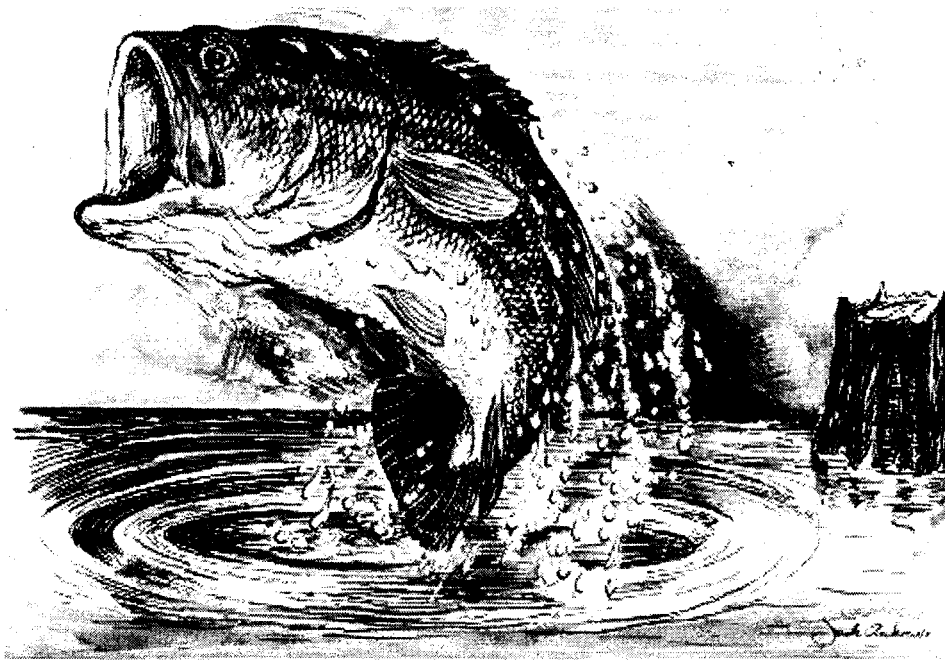


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ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION NAME

Section 1 - The name of the organization shall be the “Central Missouri Bass Masters, Inc.” Registered office 1212 E. Highway 72 Center, Rolla, MO 65401. This is a not-for-profit corporation.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Section 1 - Working for conservation of fish and wildlife and to help bass angling through education.

Section 2 - Making the membership better skilled in bass angling through education.

Section 3 - Participation in all club sanctioned functions.

Section 4 - Support the preservation and advancement of bass fishing by being an active member of the B.A.S.S. (Bass Anglers Sportsman Society) B.A.S.S Nation and Missouri B.A.S.S. Nation.

Section 5 - Promote an active catch and release program at all times; and support our state conservation and youth programs whose purpose and scope are the same.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Section 1 - Prospective members must:

1. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age, of good character, with sincere interest in bass fishing and conservation of fish and wildlife.
2. Be introduced in person by a sponsor or supported by a sponsor assigned by the club president.
3. Meet with the sponsor immediately following the initial meeting introduction and be given a set of the club "By-Laws". The sponsor and the prospective member must discuss the by-laws before the first tournament stressing that in order to be a member of this club "participation" is the key.
4. Fish one regularly scheduled club tournament with assigned member.
5. Indicate an interest in joining the club, to be voted on by the members present at the next meeting. Upon acceptance by the members, assumes all rights and responsibilities of an active member.

6. Be eligible to receive tournament points for the one introductory tournament noted in Section 1. Paragraph 4. The member may buy back points from the introductory tournament within 30 days of voted into the club and continue accumulating points with the next tournament fished.
7. Join and be an active member of B.A.S.S. within 30 days.
8. Join and be an active member of the B.A.S.S. Nation with dues paid to the club immediately upon acceptance as a member.
9. Complete and sign a "Waiver" before fishing first tournament.
10. If member intends to use his boat in club tournaments, provide proof of insurance to be on file with the Secretary prior to use.

Section 2 - Membership dues and fees.

1. Initial membership fee. This fee will include a Club Plaque with name plate, and an official club measuring board.
2. Monthly dues -. These dues support the activities of the club and membership with the Missouri B.A.S.S. Nation.
3. Annual B.A.S.S. Nation. This fee is paid to the club which, in turn, pays the national office.

Section 3 - Former Members:

1. Any former member of the Central Missouri Bass Masters, Inc. who left the club in good standing and wishes to rejoin, will petition in writing to the Board of Directors or appear in person at regularly scheduled meeting, to be reinstated as an active member.
2. Any former member who was expelled must petition the Board of Directors and be voted on by the general membership.

Section 4 - Types of members:

1. Active Member - Any member who has met all membership requirements as stated in Section 1 and 2 above.
2. Honorary Member - An honorary member will have all privileges except for voting, holding office and tournament awards. Dues are not applicable to honorary members.

3. Procedures to nominate an Honorary Member:
 - a. Name will be submitted to the Board of Directors without prospective member's knowledge.
 - b. Board will act, informing sponsoring member of rejection or make acceptance recommendation to the membership.
 - c. Membership will vote on the board recommendation, plaque will be presented to honorary member.

Section 5 - Expulsion of a Member:

1. Causes for expulsion or be a member "Not in Good Standing":
 - a. Un-sportsman Like Conduct - the threatening of a club officer, members or the club itself with violence, subterfuge, legal action or other ungentlemanly behavior.
 - b. Non-payment of dues for three consecutive months. Members are not eligible to participate in any club-sanctioned tournaments until dues are not in arrears.
 - c. Failure to attend at least eight club sanctioned events, i.e., club monthly meeting, casting for kids, etc., four of which must be tournaments. (Exceptions may be made by the Board as deemed appropriate on an individual basis)
 - d. Failure to be a member of the B.A.S.S. and B.A.S.S Nation programs.
2. In the event expulsion charges are brought against a member, the Club President will inform the member of the charges with dates and details by certified letter. The member will be invited to meet with the Board of Directors and answer the said charges. The Directors will consider dismissing the charges or bringing the charges before the general membership at the next club meeting for final disposition.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1 - The elective officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publicity Officer.

Section 2 - Election of Officers:

1. The election of officers shall be held annually at the regularly scheduled annual meeting in December. Election shall be by a simple majority of members present.
2. Nominations for the election of officers shall be taken from the floor with voting done by secret ballot. The President will be elected first and then in the following order - Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer.
3. The elected officers shall constitute the "Board of Directors".

Section 3 - Duties of the officers:

1. The President shall preside at all business meetings. Shall appoint all committees except the tournament committee and shall be ex-officio member of all committees. Shall be the club representative as "Director" to the Missouri B.A.S.S Nation.
2. The Vice-President shall assist the President, act in his absence, and serve as tournament committee chair. Responsible for applying for and receiving approved monthly tournament regatta permits from the Missouri State Water Patrol, (Regattas@mshp.dps.mo.gov or P.O. Box 603, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102) and have at each tournament a separate "Application for Holding a Marine Regatta, Parade, Race, Tournament, Exhibition or Other Water Event" numbered permit, and keep tournament points, records and awards.
3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all business meetings including a record of attendance, read the minutes at the following business meeting and is responsible for the preparation and distribution of the "CEMO Monthly Newsletter" to include any further club communication. The Secretary shall be responsible for the disbursement of club by-laws, Club Plaques and club measuring boards paid for by the club. The Secretary shall submit, immediately following the annual election of officers, a completed "Member Affiliation Information Sheet" and with a check for dues for each active member to Missouri B.A.S.S. Nation and a "Membership Roster" and a check for dues for each active member to B.A.S.S. Nation.
4. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all money receipts and disbursements and shall render a report of same at the beginning of all business meetings and/or when requested. All goods donated to the club will be in their keeping before disbursement.
5. The Publicity Officer will be responsible for coordinating and disseminating Club information and promotions to the media outlets in the surrounding area.

Section 4 - The Tournament Committee consists of four members:

1. The club (Vice President) shall serve as Tournament Committee Chairman.
2. Two members elected at large. Election shall be at the December meeting.
3. The immediate past Tournament Chairman. (In the event that the Tournament chairman remains in office, three members will be elected).
4. The committee is responsible for all aspects of the planning, scheduling, and conduct of club tournaments and the Annual Club Banquet (I.e. Establishment of the date and time, preparation, organization and conduct of the annual club banquet).
5. The committee has sole discretion over the adoption, interpretation, and implementation of tournament rules, and has the responsibility and authority to modify tournament rules as conditions warrant.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1 - Regular meeting shall be held the first Thursday of each month.

Section 2 - Additional meetings may be called when deemed necessary by the Board after giving the membership advance notice of at least seven (7) days.

Section 3 - Quorum of Members - The minimum number of members present to conduct business at any monthly club meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3s) of the total active membership. Monthly pairings and tournament related activities are not affected by this quorum requirement.

ARTICLE VI - CLUB FUNDS

Section 1 - All funds received by the club shall be placed in a suitable depository. The signature of the President or Treasurer is required for all disbursements.

Section 2 - All funds, except for specifically designated funds, received into the club shall be used for the operation and advancement of the club. The club is a "Not for Profit" organization.

Section 3 - Authorization for any reimbursed travel expense shall be approved by the attending membership at a regular monthly business meeting. Based on the current Mo State Travel Reimbursement Rate Reference: <http://oa.mo.gov/print/406> and www.missouristate.edu/policy/Op8_22_5_MileageReimbursementRates.htm .

Section 4 - The new Board of Directors, prior to the regularly scheduled February meeting, will complete section 4 - An annual audit of club funds and checkbook. Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance of the audit will be announced in the February newsletter.

ARTICLE VII – AWARDS

Section 1 - Annual Awards:

1. Central Missouri Bass Masters Sportsman Award will be given to the member who has contributed the most to the club. Selection procedures are:
 - a. By members present at the regular December meeting. Members shall vote by secret ballot for three candidates to be considered as Sportsman of the Year. Ranking will be in order from 1st to 3rd with the President sealing the ballots in an envelope to preserve secrecy.
 - b. The president shall appoint an honorary member or person of his choosing to tabulate the ballots with 3 points for the first ranked, 2 points for second ranked and 1 point for third ranked candidates.
 - c. The President will announce the winner at the annual banquet.
2. Central Missouri Bass Masters Rookie of the Year Award shall be made to a new member who has the highest number of points for his first full calendar year of club membership.
3. Central Missouri Bass Masters Big Bass of the Year shall be made to the member whose monthly tournament big bass award exceeds the size of all other monthly tournament registered monthly big bass awards for the calendar year.
4. Angler of the Year shall be the member placing the highest of the Top 5 Anglers at the end of the calendar year of competition. Angler of the Year will receive the traveling plaque (trophy) and a \$100 monetary award (paid by the club). And a personal plaque.
 - a. Second through fifth awards to the top 5 anglers will receive 2 through 5 place plaques respectively.
 - b. The order of awards is based on an angler's best 10-fished tournaments to determine the final yearly point standings.

- c. The conversion for the angler positioning begins with 1st place obtaining 120 points, 2nd-110 points, 3rd-101, 4th-93, 5th-86, 6th-80, 7th-75, 8th-71, 9th-68, 10th-66, 11th and lower will receive a 1 point reduction from 66 thereafter.
5. "Pioneer Award" shall be made to members who maintain an active membership and having distinguished himself over a period of at least 10 years. Consideration is given to proactive participation such as being an elected officer volunteering for committee duties, which advance the intent of the club and conservation and other activities beneficial to the club.
6. The breaking of ties and the final club angler positioning will be determined solely by the tournament committee and be final for the year presented.

ARTICLE VIII - TOURNAMENT RULES

Section 1 - Monthly pairings for tournaments will be made on a draw basis conducted by the tournament committee at each monthly meeting.

Section 2 - Members must notify the tournament committee prior to the monthly drawings of their intent to compete.

Section 3 - Boaters will be required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000 minimum (Proof to be in the form of a copy of said policy will be filed with the club secretary.)

Section 4 - In all draw tournaments, each member will fish with his designated partner or be disqualified from that tournament. (Note: The tournament committee has the power to change partners prior to the start of any Tournament as the situation dictates.

1. If after the drawing, a member determines that they will be unable to fish the tournament; it shall be their responsibility to immediately notify their partner and the tournament committee chair or a member of the tournament committee.
 - a. The tournament committee will pair the affected member with a partner with any existing member who announced a desire to fish the said tournament and is without a designated partner and place the affected member or in the first vacancy that thereafter occurs.

- b. The last consideration, if approved by the tournament committee, to allow the affected member to obtain a partner 'of their choice who is not a member of the club.
2. In the event that a member can fish a monthly tournament and was not included in the drawing at the monthly meeting, he must notify a member of the tournament committee of his intent.
 - a. The member will be paired with anyone on the waiting list.
 - b. Or if no one is available, and if approved by the tournament committee, to obtain a partner of their choice who not a member of the club.
3. Should a member find that it is too late to call a tournament committee member they may arrive at the tournament starting locations and outline situation to the tournament committee who will then determine if that member can fish.
4. It is the intent of this section to eliminate concerns related to someone fishing by himself or herself, i.e., safety and point verification. If the circumstances warrant and are such that the member is to fish alone, a projected itinerary is required so that should the member not return to the weigh-in the club will have some idea of their location.

Section 5 - A member may not fish with another member in more than one tournament per calendar year. In the event that two members are paired for more than one tournament, it will be their responsibility to immediately notify the tournament committee and the tournament committee will promptly rearrange the pairings when possible. It will be appropriate for the tournament committee to pair members who have fished together only at the end of the year for example when boater and non-boater situations warrant.

Section 6 - No member may fish with a guest if another member on the waiting list wishes to fish that tournament.

Section 7 - In each tournament, each partner shall have equal time to fish area of the lake and by whatever methods they wish to select.

Section 8 - Any member fishing in another member's boat shall contribute equally to the expenses of traveling to and from the lake (regardless whether accompanying him or not) and the expenses of operating the boat in the tournament.

Section 9 - Trailering to another ramp is permissible anywhere on the lake as long as the scheduled start and finish times and take off locations are observed. Any member leaving early from a tournament must leave word at a spot designated by the tournament committee at the takeoff location. This will let the club know that you

are safe and not still on the lake.

Section 10 - It will be the responsibility of each member to synchronize his watch with that used by the tournament committee in starting tournaments.

Section 11 - Scorecards that arrive late for weigh-in. For the entirety of this document, the words "check-in" and "weigh-in" are synonymous.

1. Members must personally deliver their cards to the tournament committee chair or a member of the tournament committee in order for their points to count in that tournament.
2. Members will be penalized five percent of the total points including bonus for each minute, or fraction, thereof that said boat is late in arriving at the weigh-in area. Late arrivals, more than 10 minutes, for weigh-in will receive no points for that tournament.
3. In the event of a disabled boat, one (1) member of that boat must turn in the cards by check-in time to a committee member for credit of the fished tournament.
4. Member(s) who leave early must leave their score cards and a message at a spot designated by the tournament committee.
5. At 2-day tournaments, scorecards shall be collected by the Tournament Director at check-in on the first day. The requirements within this section (i.e., arriving late for check-in) also apply for each day of the two (2) day tournaments. A temporary leader board assigned, and the cards will be reissued at take-off time of day 2.

Section 12 - In the event of inclement weather, the tournament committee shall have the option of canceling a tournament. All members will be notified as soon as possible. Canceled tournaments may be rescheduled (If possible) and at the discretion of the tournament committee.

Section 13 - Prior to the commencement of all tournaments each participant's boat will be checked for the following:

1. Kill Switch - operator will be asked to start boat and pull kill switch to show that it is operating effectively. It shall be the non-boaters responsibility to initiate the kill switch check.
2. Each tournament fisherman is required to have and wear a Coast Guard approved chest type Personal Floatation Device and one Coast Guard approved Throw able Type IV device is required in each tournament boat.

3. Club approved measuring board.

Section 14 - Any time the boat is on plane the boat operator must have the kill switch Adequately attached to his person. Each participant is required to wear a chest type

lifesaving devise any time the boat is on plane. Any member not wearing a life preserver as herein before required will be disqualified and penalized all points earned for that tournament.

Section 15 - Only artificial bait will be used during tournaments. This includes all types of pork rind baits.

Section 16 - Trolling by means of a gasoline operated engine is prohibited, but this does not preclude fishing while drifting or while an electric motor is being operated.

Section 17 - Only one casting, spin casting, or spinning rod and reel may be used at any one time. Fishing with two or more rods and reels at the same time or use of other types of rods, i.e., fly rod, is prohibited.

Section 18 - All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. Sick or injured fish may not be snagged and recorded for points.

Section 19 - All bass must be measured on club approved measuring boards and points determined according to the tally cards given out by the tournament committee. Bass must be measured with the fish laid flat on the rule with mouth closed, pushed up against the end of the measuring board and tail lobes pressed together.

Section 20 - Each member will have each fish measurement verified by his partner.

Section 21 - Signed tally cards must be handed in to the tournament committee chair or his representative at a point designated by him at the pre-take off meeting. Unsigned cards will not count for tournament points.

Section 22 - Bass counted for points must be largemouth, small mouth, or Kentucky bass.

Section 23 - In each regular monthly club tournament there can be one or more club sanctioned jackpots. Tournament committee members shall collect the money prior to take-off. It is the responsibility of each member to get the money to one of the committee members. The tournament chair is responsible for distribution of jackpots.

Section 24 - Trophies or monetary awards will be presented for monthly tournaments on the following basis:

1. First place trophy or equivalent dollar amount for the member with the highest number of points.
2. Second place trophy or equivalent dollar amount for the member with the second highest number of points.
3. Third place trophy or equivalent dollar amount for the member with the third highest number of points.
4. Trophy or equivalent dollar amount will be awarded for the bass, which totals highest number of points.

Section 25 - The tournament committee has the following powers and responsibilities:

1. To vary the length of any tournament at any time prior to take off.
2. To declare any area off limits for fishing to the membership prior to a tournament.
3. To specify guest, limited bait or special tackle tournament(s).
4. To set dates and locations of tournaments.
5. To cancel and reschedule tournaments.
6. Monitor and govern all rules as listed in Article III "Tournament Rules".

Section 28 - A bonus of 10% will be given fish released immediately after catching and measuring.

Section 29 - Breaking of ties will be handled as follows:

1. By big bass.
2. Big bass award broken by most points annotated on the angler's tally card.
3. If 1 or 2 will not break a tie, then as decided by the tournament committee. This decision is final and not challengeable.

Section 30 - No alcoholic beverages are allowed in a contestant's boat during tournament. Tournament points for the offending member will be disallowed if alcohol is found.

Section 31 - A protest is the mechanism for resolving a situation where someone feels one or more of the above rules has/have been broken.

1. The protest must be in writing and delivered to a member of the tournament committee within thirty minutes after tournament weigh-in time.
2. The back of the scorecard shall be used for this purpose and simply state that a protest is pending.
3. The tournament committee will make resolution decisions on site and before announcement of that tournament's winners for any infraction that can be verified.
 - a. Any protest that is in clear violation of the above rules will result in disqualification of that tournament.
 - b. If the protest cannot be resolved on site, the tournament committee will meet and determine a resolution.
4. Results of the protest will be provided to the member(s) affected before the following meeting and standings adjusted if necessary.

Section 32 - All rules and laws (whether local, state or federal) with regards to permissible fishing areas on the tournament lake shall be abided.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

The by-laws can be amended at any business meeting by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the attending membership provided notice has been given at the preceding regular business meeting as well as inclusion in the monthly newsletter. If a monthly newsletter is not currently being published and distributed to CEMO members, written notification may be given either through conventional mailings, or through electronic means, such as internet email services. Each club member shall be responsible for choosing which type of notification they wish to receive, and making sure that their correct address is provided to the Board of Directors.

Example: Notice has been given, 10 members are in attendance, and 7 members must vote yes or no to change a by-law.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order in newly revised edition shall govern the Central Missouri Bass Masters in all cases to which they are applicable. The Central Missouri Bass Masters may adopt any rules that are inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules of order.

ARTICLE XI - INTEGRITY

In order that this organization maintain its goals and for the Central Missouri Bass Masters continue at a high level of integrity, be an example for clubs dedicated to good sportsmanship and conservation, and to maintain a congenial atmosphere; it is therefore necessary for the elected Board of Directors to have a two-thirds majority right to veto or ratify all matters brought before the Central Missouri Bass Masters, internally and externally.